

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 28, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claim 1 is allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: This invention deals with a network cable comprising a transmission line, two module plugs respectively provided at two ends of said transmission line, a plurality of indicator lights respectively installed in said module plugs, two control lines respectively extended from said module plugs, and two electric adapters respectively provided at the ends of said control lines remote from said module plugs, said electric adapters each comprising a female connector, a male connector matching said female connector, and a control circuit adapted to obtain external power supply through one of said male connector and said female connector and to detect the connection and operation status of said transmission line between said computer and said network and to control the operation of said indicator lights subject to the detection result (claim 1). Specifically, none of the prior art discloses two electric adapters each comprising a female and male connector, wherein the adaptor also comprises a control circuit to indicate the status of the transmission line. Therefore, the above claim has been allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on July 28, 2003. These drawings are approved.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. They are Eppley et al (Pat Num 4,941,845), Rand (Pat Num 6,300,874), Bekhiet (Pat Num 4,981,438), Franklin et al (Pat Num 5,388,992), Planas, Sr et al (Pat Num 6,114,632), Juskiewicz et al (Pat Num 6,353,169), Inui (Pat Num 6,674,010), Nishio et al (Pat Num 6,755,693), Milley et al (Pat Num 6,738,856), Asprey (Pat Num 5,299,306), Jeansome et al (Pat Num 6,881,098), Kirkendall et al (Pat Num 6,493,923), Chen (Pat Num 6,790,077), Dalton (Pat Num 6,152,778), Tsai (Pat Num 6,283,789) and Wood (Pat Num 6,007,372), all of which disclose network cables and connections.

Communication


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Mayo III whose telephone number is (571)-272-1978. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-6:00 pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone

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